

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2570

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 6141 of the Penal Code, relating to prisons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2570, as introduced, Skinner. Prisons: California Rehabilitation Oversight Board.

Existing law requires the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board to regularly examine the various mental health, substance abuse, educational, and employment programs for inmates and parolees operated by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and to report to the Governor and the Legislature on March 15 and September 15 each year, as specified, including findings on the effectiveness of treatment efforts and recommendations with respect to modification, addition, and elimination of rehabilitation and treatment programs.

This bill would additionally require the board to regularly examine the health care programs for inmates and parolees operated by the department, and make reports, findings, and recommendations as described above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6141 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:

1 6141. The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board shall meet
2 at least quarterly, and shall regularly examine the various mental
3 health, *health care*, substance abuse, educational, and employment
4 programs for inmates and parolees operated by the Department of
5 Corrections and Rehabilitation. The board shall report to the
6 Governor and the Legislature biannually, on March 15 and
7 September 15, and may submit other reports during the year if it
8 finds they are necessary. The reports shall include, but are not
9 limited to, findings on the effectiveness of treatment efforts,
10 rehabilitation needs of offenders, gaps in rehabilitation services
11 in the department, and levels of offender participation and success
12 in the programs. The board shall also make recommendations to
13 the Governor and Legislature with respect to modifications,
14 additions, and eliminations of rehabilitation and treatment
15 programs. In performing its duties, the board shall use the work
16 products developed for the department as a result of the provisions
17 of the 2006 Budget Act, including Provision 18 of Item
18 5225-001-0001.